

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

APPLICATION OF JOHNSON COUNTY)	
WATER DISTRICT FOR APPROVAL)	
OF REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS,)	CASE NO. 8473
INCREASES IN SPECIAL SERVICE)	
CHARGES AND TAP-ON FEES AND)	
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE PROTECTION)	
RATES)	

O R D E R

On December 30, 1981, Johnson County Water District ("Johnson County") filed its application with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 6273-A seeking authority to adjust its rates pursuant to 807 KAR 5:067, to increase special service charges and tap-on fees, and to establish monthly fire protection rates. On March 15, 1982, the Commission entered its Order in Case No. 6273-A with regard to the adjustment of rates pursuant to 807 KAR 5:067 and further found that other issues contained in the application were unrelated and should be considered in a different proceeding. Johnson County was ordered to file information concerning the remaining issues as part of Case No. 8473. Subsequently, on April 15, 1982, Johnson County filed amended tariffs whereby it sought to withdraw the proposed fire service rates.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Johnson County is negotiating contractual arrangements with the Johnson County Firefighters Association and two shopping centers with regard to fire hydrants and sprinkler system connections which, if approved, would render the proposed monthly fire service rates unnecessary. Such contracts are required to be filed with and approved by the Commission. The Commission is of the opinion, therefore, that Johnson County should be allowed to withdraw the proposed fire service rates.

2. The tap-on fees and special service charges proposed by Johnson County are fair, just and reasonable and should be approved.

3. The revised rules and regulations filed by Johnson County are in compliance with the statutes and administrative regulations and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the proposed monthly fire service rates and Item 8, Fire Protection Connections, shall be and they hereby are deleted from the tariff.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any contracts entered into by Johnson County with regard to fire protection services shall be filed with the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the revised rules and regulations, tap-on fees and special service charges proposed by Johnson County and shown in Appendix A are fair, just and reasonable and they hereby are approved effective on and after the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days from the date of this order Johnson County shall file with the Commission its tariff sheets setting forth the rules, regulations, rates and charges approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of May, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin M. Volk
Chairman

Katherine Randall
Vice Chairman

Jim Carver
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

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1. Additional Rules and Regulations. These Rules and Regulations are in addition to the rules of the Kentucky Public Service Commission as of _____.
2. Application for Service. Each prospective customer desiring water service is required to sign the District's Standard Water Service Contract before service is supplied by the District. No service will be installed unless there is a main distribution line existing along the road from which service is requested. If service is desired on the same side of the road as the water main, the meter shall be installed within five feet of the water main. If service is desired on the opposite side of the road from the water main, the service line will be run under the road and the meter installed on private property adjacent to the highway right of way. If the distance from the main to either side of the road is greater than 50 feet, the customer will be required to pay the cost of installing the pipe for the additional footage. A contribution in aid of construction as provided in the Schedules of Rates and Charges must be paid on all new connections to the existing water line. Applications for service connection installation will not be processed if the applicant is indebted to the District on a past due account, bad debt, or in any other fashion whatsoever. Extensions to the utility's main shall be in accordance with 807 KAR 5:066, Section 12(2).
3. Discontinuance of Service by District. District may refuse to connect or may discontinue service for the violation of any of its Rules and Regulations, or for violation of any of the provisions of the Schedules of Rates and Charges, or of the customer service contract. District may discontinue service to customer for the theft of water or the appearance of water theft devices on premises of customer. The District shall not be required to restore service until the customer has complied with all rules and regulations of the Commission and the District has been reimbursed for the estimated amount of the service rendered and for any cost incurred by reason of the fraudulent use. All discontinuance of services is subject to the Notice Requirements of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 11
4. Billing. Bills will be rendered monthly and shall be paid within ten days from date of bill at the Office of District. Failure to receive bill will not release customer from payment obligations. Should bills not be paid as above, the District may at any time subsequent to twenty (20) days after the mailing date of the original bill, and upon at least forty-eight (48) hours written notice, discontinue service. Such termination notice shall be exclusive of and separate from the original bill. If, prior to discontinuance of service, there is delivered to the District Office payment of the amount in arrears, then discontinuance of service shall not be made, or as to residential services where a written certificate is filed, signed by a physician, a registered nurse or a public health officer stating that in the opinion of the person making the certification discontinuance of service will aggravate an existing illness or infirmity on the affected premises, service shall not be discontinued until the affected resident can make other living arrangements or until ten (10) days

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ISSUED BY F. M. T. Smith
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elapse from the time of the District's notification. Bills paid on or before the final date of payment shall be payable at the net rates, but thereafter the gross rates shall apply as provided in the Schedule of Rates and Charges. Should the final date for payment of the bill at the net rates fall on a Sunday or holiday, the business day next following the final date will be held as a day of grace for delivery of payment

5. Deposit. A deposit or suitable guarantee equal to approximately twice the average monthly water bill may be required of any customer before water service is supplied. The District may at its option return the deposit plus six percent (6%) annual interest to the customer after one year. Upon termination of service, deposit and interest may be applied by the District against any unpaid bills of the customer, and if any balance remains after such application is made, said balance shall be refunded to the customer. Upon demand by the customer, the District will pay or credit bill of customer with interest at the end of each year from date of deposit, providing demand is made by the customer for payment or credit. In the absence of such demand interest continues to run, but the company may voluntarily credit the bill with interest.
6. Point of Delivery. The point of delivery is the point where the meter is located on the customer's premises. All water lines, plumbing, and equipment beyond the meter shall be installed and maintained by the customer.
7. Termination of Contract by Customer. Customers who have fulfilled their contract terms and wish to discontinue service must give at least three (3) days written notice to that effect, unless contract specified otherwise. Notice to discontinue service prior to expiration of contract term will not relieve customer from any minimum or guaranteed payment under any contract or rate.
8. Customer's Service Line. All service lines beyond the metering point should be installed of material consisting of copper, galvanized, or PVC pipe with rating of not less than 160 psi. The size of service line beyond the point of delivery should not be less than 3/4"; however, a larger size may be needed to provide adequate service. If the customer's point of use is at a higher elevation than the point of delivery, the customer should consult with a reputable engineering firm to size the service line from the point of delivery.
9. Right of Access. The customer must agree to permit the District to lay, maintain, repair, or remove such water lines which is the property of the District located on the customer's property with the right of ingress and egress over customer's property. The District's duly authorized representative and/or other duly authorized employee of the State Health Department bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter upon all properties for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing, in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

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10. Interruption of Service. The District will use reasonable diligence in supplying water service and shall make effort to notify affected customers in the event of a service interruption and approximate time of service restoration.
11. Additional Load. The service connection supplied by the District for each customer has a definite capacity, and no addition to the equipment or load connected thereto will be allowed except by consent of the District. Failure to give notice of additions or changes in load, and to obtain the District's consent for same, may render the customer liable for any damage to any of the District's lines or equipment caused by the additional or changed installation, as determined by a court of law having jurisdiction over the parties.
12. Notice of Trouble. Customer shall notify the District immediately should the service be unsatisfactory for any reason, or should there be any defects, trouble or accidents affecting the supply of water. Such notices, if verbal, should be confirmed in writing.
13. Nonstandard Service. Customer shall pay the cost of any special installation necessary to meet his peculiar requirements for service other than standard water tap.
14. Scope. This Schedule of Rules and Regulations is a part of all contracts for receiving water service from the District, and applies to all service received from the District whether the service is based upon contract, agreement, signed application, or otherwise. A copy of this schedule, together with a copy of the District's Schedule of Rates and Charges, shall be kept open to inspection at the Office of the District.
15. Damage to District's Water System. No person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the District's water works. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to discontinuation of water service and shall pay the cost of repairing or replacing the pipe or appurtenance as may be determined by a court of law having jurisdiction.
16. Relocation of Water Facilities. District may, at the request of customer, relocate or change existing District-owned equipment. Customer shall reimburse District for such changes at actual cost including appropriate overhead.
17. Revisions. These Rules and Regulations may be revised, amended, supplemented, or otherwise changed from time to time by either of the two (2) following methods:

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- a. By order of the Public Service Commission upon formal application by the District, and after hearing, as provided by Commission regulation set forth in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 6.
 - b. By issuing and filing on at least twenty (20) days notice to the Commission and the public all proposed changes in the Rules and Regulations, as provided by Commission regulations set forth in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8.
18. Conflict. In case of conflict between any provisions of any rate schedule and the schedule of Rules and Regulations, the rate schedule shall apply.
19. Bill Adjustment. In conformity with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9 of Commission regulations, whenever a meter in service is found upon periodic request or complaint test to be more than two percent (2%) fast or two percent (2%) slow, then the customer's bill will be recomputed for the period in which the meter error occurred. If the period in which the meter error existed is unknown, then the bill will be recomputed for one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the elapsed time since the last previous test, but in no case to exceed twelve (12) months. When a meter is tested and it is found necessary to make a refund or back bill a customer, the customer shall be given written notification of the date, location, and results of the test, as well as the amount to be deducted from or added to his regular bill.
20. All extensions to the systems transmission or service mains required to service a private development shall be subject to a Line Extension Agreement executed between the Developer and the Water District. The form of this Agreement is filed with and made a part of this tariff.
21. Fire Hydrants. The District will contract with fire protection districts, volunteer fire departments, developers and others to install and maintain fire hydrants and supply water for fire protection; provided, however, that (1) such users cannot use pumps to pull water from the hydrants, and (2) use of hydrants be strictly limited to authorized periodic drill purposes and emergency (i.e., fire fighting) use only.
22. Purchased Water Adjustment Clause. The District will implement upon PSC approval a purchased water adjustment designed to recover the increased costs of water purchased due to the fact that the District is not financially able to absorb the increased costs from its supplier.

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SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL SERVICE CHARGES

The following charges for special services shall be made:

1. Service Connection Charge. A charge of \$5.00 shall be made for all service reconnections made during regular working hours, except that there shall be no connection charges made for service on the original installation of facilities. If service is reconnected other than during regular working hours, the charge shall be \$15.00.
2. Delinquent Service Charge. A charge of \$5.00 shall be made for a trip to disconnect a delinquent account. A reconnection charge of \$5.00 shall be made if reconnected during regular working hours. If reconnected after regular working hours, the charge shall be \$15.00.
3. Meter Reading Recheck Charge. A charge of \$5.00 shall be made for a trip to recheck a meter reading when the customer requests the meter to be rechecked for a correct reading and the meter was not misread.
4. Meter Test Request. Upon request and payment of \$7.50, a customer may have his meter tested provided request by the customer is not more frequent than once each twelve months. If such test shows the meter to be more than two percent fast, a refund of the \$7.50 charge shall be made and the bill adjusted accordingly.
5. PSC Meter Test Complaint. Any customer of the District may request a meter test by written application to the Commission.
6. Service Investigation Charge. A charge of \$3.50 per trip shall be made for service investigation during regular working hours if interruption of service is not caused by failure of District's facilities. The charge for investigation after working hours will be \$7.50 per trip. Any maintenance and repair of facilities beyond District's delivery point is the responsibility of the customer.
7. Contribution in Aid of Construction. The established contribution fee is based on the size of metering equipment required as noted below.

5/8 inch meter ----- \$250
All others - Actual cost

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